

MEC News, II, 14, CRIS Go-live

Greetings and welcome to another issue of MEC News. Today's issue will share the most recent decisions regarding CRIS go live made at the last Medical Executive Committee meeting.

Entering inpatient orders at CRIS go live

All active and suspended inpatient orders in MIS must be manually entered into CRIS on Friday, July 30, in preparation for system activation on July 31. Plans for accomplishing this work have been discussed during the last two MEC meetings and the MEC has endorsed this approach:

- The primary care team will enter all orders. Prescribers enter orders as themselves and non-prescribers as an 'agent for' the attending physician.
- The majority of this work should be done in the Department of Clinical Research Informatics so that CRIS staff can provide maximum help and support. More limited staff support will be provided to primary care team members who are not able to leave high-acuity patient care units.
- Staff entering orders will be provided a list of each patient's current active and suspended inpatient orders in MIS.
- During this activity only, primary care prescribers will be able to enter investigational medications.
- Pharmacy Department staff will verify all medication orders.

To help minimize the number of active and suspended MIS orders that will need to be re-entered in CRIS, Institute clinical directors are encouraged to decrease patient census to the extent possible over the go-live weekend (Friday, July 30 - Sunday, August 1). The MEC earlier endorsed a moratorium on placing future orders in MIS -- orders to be carried out August 1, 2004, and beyond, a move also aimed at limiting the number of orders that will need re-entering at go live.

The CRIS team is working with clinical directors to designate primary-care team members to participate. If you have questions about this plan, please contact Susan Houston (301-496-6819; email shouston@cc.nih.gov)

CRIS training

CRIS training begins June 14, and if you haven't signed up yet, call the CRIS training hotline (301-435-5077) today. What you'll learn in training will be based on your role in patient care. Training for prescribers is consolidated into one 3-hour class.

A computer-based training module—*Introduction to CRIS*—is on the CRIS website, <http://cris.cc.nih.gov>. All prescribers should view this online training before attending their 3-hour class. The tutorial will be part of classroom training for all other staff as well—feel free to go through the tutorial before class for a basic overview of CRIS.

CRIS Practice Lab

Keep your CRIS skills sharp by visiting the CRIS practice lab. Beginning June 14, the lab will be open Monday-Friday, 9 am - noon and 1 pm – 4 pm. The lab is on the first floor of the Clinical Center's central lobby near admissions. Look for the blue curtains.

CRC Town Meeting

Dr. John Gallin, CC director, will lead the next in a series of NIH town meetings focusing on the activation of the new Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center on Thursday, July 13, 10 -11 am, in the Clinical Center's Lipsett Amphitheater. The event will be videocast live and archived for later viewing. Go to <http://videocast.nih.gov>

If you are interested in a more complete description of Medical Executive Committee actions, please visit the MEC website at:
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